

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
15 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Members Present: Lawrence, Castell, Gadsden, Brown, Macdonald, Hughes, Greene

Staff Present: Keating

1. ARB # 18-2009

Getty Gas Station, 179 Noroton Avenue

Proposing change of façade and signage

Enrico Tamburri from Core States Group presented a proposal to amend signage for the existing Getty gas station which is being converted to a BP gas station. The proposal is to reduce the height of 2 existing pole signs along the street from 11'9" to 9', and to install new illuminated BP signs on the poles. The board suggested and the applicant agreed to install a BP sign with a smaller size of 4'5" H x 4'4" W. Only the star logo will be illuminated. The 2 existing Getty signs currently mounted on the brick columns will be removed. The board applauded this decision. A green aluminum band 36" high will be mounted along the front façade and extend around the corner approximately 4" beyond the plate glass window. An 8' long "service" decal will be mounted and centered above the center service bay. The applicant proposed two round (36" diameter) logo round signs to be mounted on either side of the canopy roof. The signs will not be illuminated. The signs are to be mounted vertically. The board expressed concern that since the canopy roof is angled, the sign's diameter will need to be reduced in order to visually appear the same size. The applicant will submit a revised sign which will be reduced in size to approximately 24" in diameter. The proposal was approved.

2. ARB #19-2009

Espresso Neat, 22 Grove Street, CBD Zone

Request to install one hanging sign

William Rove from Nantucket Woodcarving presented a proposal to install on hanging blade sign on the side of the building. The wood hand carved sign is 23" H x 39" W, with raised "neat" letters of red outlined in dutch chocolate brown. The sign will have a pale ivory background, which reflects the design and colors of the store's logo. The simple iron bracket is a plain 2"x2" square bar, painted the same grey color as the building's downspouts. The proposal was approved.

3. ARB #20-2009

Allstate Insurance, 770 Boston Post Road

Request to install one pole sign

Mariella Cuccolo from Allstate presented a proposal to install a new sign on an existing pole. The sign which reads Allstate, has a blue background with white lettering. The board recommended and the applicant agreed to add the Allstate logo above the lettering, and to amend the proposed proportions of the sign (18"H x 42"W) to one that would be a more pleasing proportion: that is, a sign which has more height and less width. The board also recommended that the existing pole be moved back several feet from the road in keeping with the sign posts of adjacent buildings along the Post Road. The new design and position of the post will be verified in the field. The proposal was approved.

4. ARB #21-2009

Artifacts Lanier Collections, 975 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
Request to install one wall sign

Mitch and Helen Kunzman presented a proposal to install a sign above the storefront gallery. The wood sign has raised letters in white "Artifacts-Lanier-Collections" on a medium grey background. The sign's background size will be reduced to approximately 62" W x 91/2" H, with 6" H letters to comply with sign regulations. The modified dimensions of the sign will be submitted for review. The proposal was approved.

5. ARB #17-2009

Wilder G. Gleason, Esq. on behalf of St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Person to Person, 1842 – 1864 Boston Post Road
Clarification of pending issues

Wilder Gleason, Attorney for St. Luke's Episcopal Church, presented a modified design for the Person to Person garage renovation. On the east elevation the amended design has one window to allow space for an existing storage shed, and two windows are proposed for the south elevation. Two 24" square fiberglass planters were proposed, as well as square black iron bollards to match the existing bollards on the church grounds. The proposal was approved.

6. Approval of Minutes

21 July 2009 Regular Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Gadsden

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